

## LOCAL NEWS.

**CANDLEMAS DAY.**—The Feast of the Purification, or Candlemas Day, was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, in this city, to day. This festival is one of the oldest in the calendar of the Catholic Church.

It is customary for the people to contribute candles for the use of the altar during the ensuing year, and at this day their offerings are blessed by the priest. It is a custom among Catholics to have a number of candles blessed, which are kept at home and used during times of sickness.

In the olden time it was the custom for the people to walk in procession, with lighted tapers in their hands, singing hymns. The festival is placed at forty days from Christmas, as that was the interval directed by the old law, between the day of birth and the day when the mother presented herself for readmission to the congregation, and her infant son for an offering to the Lord.

**ARREST OF A THIEF.**—Some months ago a colored man, named William Claggett, broke into the store of J. T. Henderson, and stole a lot of butter. He was arrested and committed to jail, but was discharged at the last term of the Court on his own recognizance. While in jail he procured his pals there some tobacco. Yesterday evening he visited the jail to fulfill that promise, bringing with him several bars of tobacco. Constable O'Neil happened to be there at the time, and immediately arrested him as the thief who had robbed the store of Knox & Wattle the night before of a large quantity of tobacco, and upon investigation the charge was sustained, and he was recommitted to his old quarters.

**ALARM OF FIRE.**—The alarm of fire about seven o'clock last night was caused by the turning of the chimney of the house of a colored man named Emanuel Cubit, on the corner of Patrick and Cameron streets. His whole fire department was out. A man in the last fire department was out. A man in the last fire department was out. A man in the last fire department was out.

**FISHING LAWS.**—It is earnestly hoped that one of the first matters that will be brought to the attention of the Legislature will be the urgent necessity for the immediate enactment of laws to prevent the wasteful destruction of the shad and herring in the Potomac river. With out something is done, and that quickly—to operate upon the Spring's fishing if possible—the Potomac fisheries, once so beneficial to the prosperity of this city, will be entirely destroyed, and the famed shad and herring be classed among the other good things of Old Virginia now gone forever.

**DISCHARGING BALLAST.**—A bill has passed the Maryland House of Delegates in reference to discharging ballast in the Chesapeake and its tributaries. It provides that the bill will pass the Senate. It provides that the bill will pass the Senate. It provides that the bill will pass the Senate.

**PATENT MEDICINE.**—A vehicle, resembling a circus coach, drawn by four fine black horses, and containing a band organ and a band of musicians, made its appearance in this city to day, and attracted a large crowd to the City Hotel, in front of which it halted for several hours, while two of its occupants discovered upon the excellence of a patent medicine which they had for sale, and of which they sold a large number of bottles.

**GROUND HOG DAY.**—The second of February has long been called ground hog day, from the fact that a superstition exists among the colored people that the ground hog comes out of his hole for the first time since the commencement of the winter on that day, and that if he sees his shadow he goes back and remains below ground for six weeks longer. In other words, that if the sun is shining on that day the winter will not break for six weeks.

**DISCHARGED.**—R. C. Nash, the man who passed a forged check on Mr. Deakin, as heretofore stated in the Gazette, was brought here yesterday evening by a detective from Washington, but before any examination was held managed to get possession of the fraudulent check and swallowed it. An arrangement was then made by which he was allowed to go back to Washington, and he is now at large.

**R. R. CASE.**—In the Equity Court in Washington, yesterday, Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company vs. Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Railroad Company. Order overruling motion against complainant for security for costs.

**J. S. French vs. Alexander Hay.** Order overruling motion for security for costs.

**NOT BADLY HURT.**—The injuries received by Gatton Arrington at Carlin's Springs yesterday, are not as bad as reported. He was accidentally struck on the head by a sledge hammer, but the blow glanced and only cut the skin.

**SHERIFF'S NOTICE.**—Attention is directed to the notice of the Sheriff, respecting the collection of taxes, in another column. For the convenience of delinquents the Sheriff will be at his office at certain hours after dark.

**DISORDERLY.**—The conduct of the boys at the postoffice last night has been complained of, and the officers have received orders to arrest all who may hereafter be engaged in such disorderly behavior.

**PROPERTY SALE.**—Beck, Knox and Kerby, real estate agents, have sold the farm of Emanuel Caton, near Jaccaway, containing 160 acres, to James Joiner, of Washington, for \$2500.

**BEHIND TIME.**—The Lynchburg mail due here yesterday evening did not arrive until this morning because it was carried on through to Washington.

**HOGS AT LARGE.**—The numerous hogs running at large about the streets of the city have again been the subject of complaint at the Mayor's office, and the police have been instructed to take them up and send them to the poor's house to be confined.

**RAILROAD CONNECTION.**—The connection between the A. & H. and the O. & A. M. Railroads on Union Street has been accomplished by the completion of the new track of the first named road from the main stem to Fishtown.

**WHARF REPAIRS.**—The work of repairing the wharves of the Corporation, now occupied by the American Coal Company, will be commenced to-morrow under the direction of the Superintendent of Police.

**POLICE REPORT.**—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Elias Jordan, colored, for beating his sister and for vagrancy, was committed to the Work House for thirty days.

**MAJESTY'S OFFICE.**—William Claggett, colored, was committed to jail to await an examination by the Court, on the charge of burglariously entering the store of Knox & Wattle and robbing it of fifty-five pounds of tobacco, valued at 55 cents a pound.

**WILLIS STEPHEN.** colored, and John Smith, two boys, arrested for stealing a wheelbarrow belonging to Chester Goodrich, of Washington, from the depot of the A. & H. R. R., and rolling it into the river at Fishtown, were discharged with a reprimand.

**WATCH REPORT.**—Night clerk and coolie, ice formed on the puddles of water in the streets and in the gutters. A party of maskers were out on the streets in the early part of the night. There were no disturbances and no arrests by the Watch. One lodger—an old stranger man—was accommodated at the Watch House.

**REAL ESTATE EXCHANGES.**—The following exchanges of real estate in this city and county for the month of January, 1870, are reported by Green & W. S. Real Estate Agents:

House and lot on the east side of Washington street, between Prince and Duke streets, 22 feet by 122 feet 6 inches; \$5000.

Northwest quarter of square, bounded by West, Alfred, Gibson and Patrick sts. \$5000. House and lot on the south side of Prince st. and west of Pitt street; \$1500.

Tract of land, containing 7 acres, 2 roads and 4 poles; \$11,000.

Lot 30 feet west of Royal street, 10 by 79 feet 1 inch; \$80.

Two lots—No. 1 north side of Gibson street and west of Patrick; No. 2 west side of Patrick st. and north of Gibson; \$700.

Lot on the south of the alley running from Cameron to Queen streets, 92 feet from Alfred and 21 feet from Queen.

Lot on the north side of Pitt st. and north of Wolfe, 51 feet 4 inches by 62 feet and 9 1/2 in. \$495.

Lot on the north side of Prince street and west of Fairfax 60 feet; \$800.

Lot on St. Asaph street, north of Pendleton, 20 by 100 feet; \$582.50.

**DIED.**

An one o'clock, to-day, ELIZA VIRGINIA, infant daughter of Charles and Emma J. Goodrich, aged 11 months and 6 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock, from the residence of her grandfather, A. Jacobs, on Alfred st., between Duke and Prince.

We loved a little better one, and would have wished her stay; but let our Father's will be done, She shines in endless day.

I was pleased to notice the name of Col. Morton Mayo mentioned among the candidates for the office of Clerk of the Court of this city.

Col. Mayo combines with a character of the strictest integrity, business qualifications of the highest order, zeal, industry, method, shrewdness of manner and great intelligence, in a degree to make him a most accomplished and acceptable official.

His great popularity and the sympathy he has in the community where he is so well and favorably known and highly esteemed, leave but little doubt that he will be elected to the office with great unanimity.

**NOTICE.**

Our bills to February 1st are made out and will be presented at once. Our friends will very much oblige us by making prompt settlement. Those whose accounts have been standing over for several months will save themselves trouble and expense by settling up at once.

**THE ALEXANDRIA FEMALE SEMINARY.**

The Second Half Session of this Institution will commence February 9th. New classes will be formed, and pupils desiring to connect themselves with the School should do so at this time.

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**FOR RENT.**—TWO COMFORTABLE DWELLINGS, on Washington street, in complete order, gas and water.

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**SALT IN STORE.**

2000 sacks Liverpool G. A. Salt, per bark Ranthorn, in store and for sale by W. A. SMOOT, 179 King street.

**WHISKIES.**—Thompson's pure old Rye and other grades of Whisky, also Port and Sherry Wine, for sale by GOULD & WILKENS, No. 30 North Royal st.

## TELEGRAPH NEWS.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—3 p. m. CONGRESS.

There has been nothing of importance in either house of Congress up to this hour. In the Senate Messrs. Johnston and L. W. presented petitions of sundry Virginians praying the removal of their political disabilities.

A bill was introduced providing for an associate Federal Judge for Texas. The Currency bill is being further discussed.

In the House a resolution calling on the President for information in reference to Fenian prisoners elicited a prolonged debate.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The Reconstruction Committee will not take up the bill for the admission of Mississippi until the return of Butler, who is absent, nevertheless, the bill, if passed by the Senate, may pass the House.

Nothing was done to day in the matter of the removal of disabilities.

Mr. Sear has filed his statement before the Election Committee of the House, and the case will be considered on Friday. The members of the Committee have expressed no opinion as to the validity of his claim to a seat.

**Foreign News.**

LONDON, Feb. 2.—According to the provisions of an act of Parliament empowering the Government to take possession of the telegraph lines in the Kingdom, the Treasury department yesterday paid £726,000 sterling for the cable connecting England with Germany by way of the island of Norway.

ZURICH, Feb. 2.—Dr. J. Dubs, of this city, has been chosen President of the Swiss Confederation.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—A letter has been received here from Captain Cochrane of the Royal Navy, commanding the Petrel, stationed on the African coast. He reports that Dr. Livingston, the celebrated African traveler, has been burned as a wizard by a chief in the interior.

VIENNA, Feb. 2.—The Archduchess Elizabeth, of Austria, has fled to America, having embarked at Hamburg.

**Fires.**

NEW YORK, February 2nd.—The sugar refinery of O. Korshusen, on Rose st., was burned this morning with a large stock of sugars. Loss half a million of dollars.

Another fire in Wooster st. this morning destroyed property to the amount of \$120,000.

**The Markets.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Stocks strong—Money easy at 6 percent. Gold 214. Flour dull and drooping. Wheat dull and in buyers' favor. Corn dull and declining.

BALTIMORE, February 2.—Virginia sixes, 1860, 58 bid; do 1867 54 bid; do coupon, old, 62 asked. Cotton heavy and nominally at 25. Flour dull and weak, but prices entirely unchanged. Wheat steady; prices choice Maryland red 135 1/4. Corn steady; white 100 1/2; red 92 1/2. Rye 65.

**PANIC IN A CHURCH.**—A tremendous panic was occasioned in the African Baptist Church in this city Sunday night, by the gas going out suddenly for the want of water in the metre. The preacher was in the midst of one of the most eloquent flights, when all at once the brilliant glare of the room gave place to Cimmerian darkness. The scene that ensued beggars any attempt at description, and the results are all we shall undertake to portray. The church was crowded, and nearly all rushed with frantic eagerness for the doors, falling pell mell over each other.

Some of the more pious ones stood their ground, and amid the darkness, shrill voices were heard proclaiming, "The day of Judgment had come—Bress de Lord, I'm ready." One enthusiastic sister loudly shouted that she "hern Gabriel's horn," and pointed wildly to the ceiling, declaring that she saw the Lord in a cloud of fire descending towards the earth; and other similar ejaculations were heard on all sides. The crowd pressed, towards male and female, big and little, generally towards the doors, preferring to meet the Last Hour of recorded time in the open air. But the pretty part is yet to be told: "The main chance," and were not at all disposed to bid adieu to the mundane sphere without a due supply of worldly goods, and seizing the opportunity, carried themselves loudly with hats, cloaks, shawls, talmas, bonnets, and any thing else they could lay their hands on, stripping the afflicted wearers without ceremony, and leaving them in their way to their homes hatless, bonnetless, and cloakless, and in more than one instance—coatless.

The Church was cleared at last of all except those who were ready to depart from this life, and upon examining themselves the crowd found that while some of them were "kilt," many had received severe scratches and bruises, though none suffered serious injury—a result upon which they may well congratulate themselves.—*Lynchburg News.*

The Dispatch correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch in relation to the admission of Mr. McKenzie to his seat in the House of Representatives says: "The general disposition among the better portion of Republicans was to admit him; but the small fry, who seek to get their names before the public, even if it be by being recorded as objecting to a proposition, opposed the motion. A vote was taken, and Republicans and Democrats combining, carried the motion by 73 to 65. So that Mr. McKenzie came forward to the Speaker's desk and utterance and the general judgment found him as a man of sense and good character, and he is as loyal as any of us. I'll take him on his face."

The currency bill before the Senate was amended yesterday, by a clause to increase the amount of national bank notes to be issued to fifty two millions in lieu of the same amount of three per cent. in certificates to be redeemed; and a provision was added taking thirteen millions of bank note currency from the New England States and transferring it to the West and South, thus providing in fact for the issue of sixty-five millions of new bank notes. The bill is expected to finally pass to-day.

The Justices of the Supreme Court of the U. S., upon the retirement of Mr. Justice Grier, addressed him a letter expressing their regret at his resignation, and their regards and respect for him. He wrote a very effusive letter in reply, thanking them for their good wishes and good opinions.

David Atwood of Madison has been nominated at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Republicans, for Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Hopkins.

An effort is being made in St. Louis to shut up the theatres on Sunday nights.

The confiscation cases were argued in the Supreme Court of the U. S. yesterday.

## CITY ITEMS.

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A meeting of the Conservative Voters of Prince William county will be held at Manassas, on Saturday, the 5th of February next, to take into consideration the organization of county matters, preparatory to the election soon to be held in that county. All Conservatives are respectfully invited to attend.

**ATTENTY VOTERS.**  
Prince William co., Jan 31—60

**NOTICE.**—We have on hand a large stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's BOOTS and SHOES, and in order to reduce our stock, will sell at greatly reduced prices. All in want will do well to call at 71 King street.

**W. B. WADDEY.**

**AMUSEMENTS.**

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The Bible Text, Cyclopedia, a Complete Classification of Scripture Texts in the form of an Alphabetical Index to Subjects, by Rev. James English; first American edition from the seventh English edition; 2 vols., 12mo, and popular guide to the art of preserving health and treating disease; 1 large 8vo, vol. 36.

American Horticultural Annual for 1870, 60c. The American Agricultural Annual for 1870, 50 cents.

The Illustrated Annual Register of Rural Affairs for 1870; 24c. Bible Gems or Manual of Scripture Lessons for Sunday Schools and Families; 40c. New Books daily. G. E. FRENCH, No. 101 King street.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

**The Infirmities of Age.**

Dr. Repelle is the natural accompaniment of old age, but it may be ameliorated, and the period of entire helplessness long postponed by the judicious use of a healthful stimulant. Physically, fully a vast of this fact, usually recommended moderate stimulation when the strength and vigor of maturity have been supported by the feebleness and prostration which are the inevitable results of declining years. Port wine, gin, brandy and other liquors are often prescribed by medical men for aged persons, but the impulses which fermented and distilled liquors give to the circulation, and the energy they seem to impart, is transitory, and the stimulus which is modified and qualified by the presence of medicinal tonics and invigorants. Of all the combinations of diffusive stimuli with the juices of herbs, roots and barks that have ever been administered to the aged and infirm, with the view of sustaining their physical strength, and relieving the aches and pains to which they are subjected, none has been found so efficacious, agreeable, and so permanent in its effects as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The difference between the effect of the Bitters and that of a mere excitant, however pure, is the same as between the effect of a sudden and momentary application of excessive force to a given purpose, and the result of a steady, continuous application of exactly the requisite amount of force to the same end. The former produces a depression never yet benefited any man or woman suffering from physical decay. A cure of the Hostetter's Bitters, at once soothing and invigorating, is the remedial agent required.

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**THE TERMS.** prescribed by the decree, are as follows: One fourth of the purchase money in cash, and enough of the confirmation of sale with said tenth to make one third of the purchase money; the residue in one and two years from day of sale, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser. All the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale.

**B. P. NOLAND.**  
Fauquier co., Jan 20-61  
Com. of Sale.

**By Green & Wise.**  
[Auctioneers and Real Estate Agents.]  
**VALUABLE FARM AT AUCTION.**

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE.**

By virtue of a decree of the Court for Alexandria and Fauquier counties, rendered at its August term, 1869, in the suit of Mary P. Lloyd, Guardian, in chancery, vs. J. P. Tabb et al., defendants, in plaintiff's behalf, the undersigned, Commissioner therein named, will proceed, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of February, 1870, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office in the city of Alexandria, to sell, by public auction, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in Alexandria county, about one mile northwest of the city, containing about sixty acres of very productive soil, both high and low, and meadow, beautifully located and improved, and a comfortable FRAME DWELLING, Kitchen, &c., &c., large barn and stables, orchard of choice fruit in full bearing, fine stream and stream of water through the place, and altogether one of the most desirable situations in this vicinity.

The land adjoins Mrs. Harpers, Wolfe's and others, and is bounded on the southwest by the old Leesburg road.

**TERMS.**—One fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and for the residue the bonds of the purchaser, to be taken for the deferred payments, with interest from day of sale, and title to be retained until they are fully paid. Stamps and commission at the cost of the purchaser.

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND NEAR BURKE'S STATION, O. & A. R. R.**—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, rendered at June term, 1869, in the suit of Col. J. A. Alexander vs. McLean & Co., Executors, of MRS. J. A. Alexander, the undersigned, Commissioner therein named, will proceed, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of February, 1870, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the door of the Court House, to sell, to the highest bidder, at public sale, all that TRACT or PARCEL OF LAND, charged in the name of John McLean, containing 62 acres, 1 road, the ordinary roads, adjoining the lands of Mrs. George Burke and others, in near Burke's station, on the Orange & Alexandria Railroad; is of good quality, eligibly located, pleasantly wooded and is well watered.

**TERMS.**—One fourth of the purchase money in hand as a deposit, to be forfeited should the purchaser fail to complete his purchase; the residue in three equal installments, payable at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with personal security, and retention of title until the last payment is made. Stamps and cost of conveyance to be paid by the purchaser.

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